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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-21 are pending and of these claims 1-10 stand rejected on varying grounds under \$102(a) and 103(a) and claims 11-21 are allowed.

Claims 1-10 have been canceled.

In view of the comments below, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner forward a notice of allowance for claims 11-21.

a) Claims 1-8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sallinen et al (WO01/06,799A1).

These claims have been canceled thus rendering this rejection moot.

b) Claims 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sallinen et al in view of Amitay et al (US Patent No. 5,684,801).

Claim 9 has been canceled thus rendering this rejection moot.

c) Claims 11-21 are allowable over the cited prior art.

Applicant concurs that claims 11-21 are allowable over all cited references.

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 11-21 clearly and patentably distinguish over the cited references of record and as such are to be deemed allowable. Such allowance is hereby earnestly and respectfully solicited at an early date. If the Examiner has any suggestions or comments or questions, calls are welcomed at the phone number below.

Although it is not anticipated that any fees are due or payable since this response is being timely filed within the allowed time period and no other fees appear to be due or payable, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3435.

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